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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

USMISSION SINAI

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION USNATO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

USINT BAGHDAD  
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SUBJECT: POSTED PRESS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE POSTED BY THE PRESS OFFICE  
TODAY:

QUOTE

Q. WHAT COMMENT DO YOU HAVE ON THE ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT  
THAT SOME OF THE WEAPONS USED BY THE PALESTINIANS IN  
THEIR RAID ON ISRAEL AND CAPTURED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON  
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WERE AMERICAN AND PROBABLY PROVIDED BY THE SAUDIS?

A. --THE PENTAGON IS INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER, AS IS  
THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT.

--WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD A REPORT FROM THE ISRAELI MILITARY  
LISTING CERTAIN SMALL ARMS AND MUNITIONS OF APPARENT  
U.S. ORIGIN WHICH THE ISRAELIS BELIEVE MAY HAVE BEEN  
TRANSFERRED BY THE SAUDIS TO THE PLO.

--WE HAVE ALREADY DETERMINED THAT MOST OF THE ITEMS

IDENTIFIED TO US BY THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT BEEN SUPPLIED  
TO SAUDI ARABIA AND WE HAVE SO INFORMED THE ISRAELIS.

--WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE TRANSFERRED  
U.S. ORIGIN MILITARY MATERIEL TO THE PALESTINIANS, BUT  
AS WE HAVE SAID OUR CURRENT INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.  
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